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Federal Communications Commission Wireless Telecommunications Bureau 1270 Fairfield Road Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325-7245

Re: Western Wireless Corporation

FCC Ownership Disclosure-- FCC Form 602

Dear Sirl or Madam:

Enclosed is a completed, executed FCC Ownership Disclosure form (FCC Form 602) for Western Wireless Corporation ("Western"). This form updates certain information for Western.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned

Sincerely,

Doane F. Kiechel

**Enclosures** 

FCC 602 **Main Form** 

## FCC Ownership Disclosure Information for the Wireless Telecommunications Services

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Applicant/Licensee Informat	ior
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1) First Name (if individual):	MI:	Last Namei		Suffix:
Applicant Name (if entity):     Western Wireless Corporation			3) Applicant TIN	

Related FCC Regulated Businesses of Applicant/Licensee

4a) Namel and addressl of all FCC Regulated Businesses owned by Applicant/Licensed (use additional aheets, if necessary):	4 <u>h)</u> Princip <b>a</b> l Business:	4c) TIN	4d) Percent of Interest Held.	
WWC Holding Co., Inc. 3650 131st Ave., SE, Ste. 400, <b>Bellevue</b> , WA 98006	commercial mobile radio services (Cellular)		100%	
Western Paging I Corporation 3650 131st Ave., SE, Ste. 400, Bellevue, WA 98006	commercial mobile radio services (Paging)		100%	
Western CLEC Corporation 3650 131st Ave., SE, Ste. 400, <b>Bellevue,</b> W. <b>98006</b>	commercialmobile radio A services (LMDS)		100%	
Minnesota Cellular Co <b>rp</b> oration 3650 131st Ave., SE, <b>\$t</b> e. 400, <b>Bellevue,</b> WF <b>98006</b>	commercial mobile radio services (Cellular)		100%	
GCC License, L.L.C. 3650 131st Ave., SE, Ste. 400, <b>Bellevue,</b> WA <b>98006</b>	commercial mobile radio services (Cellular)		100%	
Midland Cellular License Corporation 3650 131st Ave., <b>SE</b> , Ste. 400, <b>Bellevue</b> , WA : 98006	commercial mobile radio services (Cellular)		100%	
Cellular Corporation of Sioux Falls, Inc. 3650 131st Ave., SE, Stel 400, Bellevue, WA 98006	commercial mobile radio services (Cellular)		98.80%	
Odessa Cellular <b>Telep</b> hone Company, L.P. 3650 131st Ave., <b>SE, Ste. 400, Belleuve, W</b> 98006	commercial mobile radio A services (Cellular)		96.60%	

Signature
5) Typed on Printed Name of Party Authorized to Signi

First Name	Mii	Last Name:	Suffix:		
A l a n	R.	Bender			
Title: Country Sentor Vice President					
(N) 15161778702					
Signature	-	NOV 1999 RECEIVED	Date: 11/16/99		
Fallure To Sign This Application May Result in Dismissa	t Of The Application An		[3]		
WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OF Section 1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION	OR ANY ATTACHMENTS	ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND OF THE	RISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, on 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE		

FCC 602 Main Form

# FCC Ownership Disclosure Information for the Wireless Telecommunications Services

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1) First Name (if individual);	MI:	Last Name:		Suffix:
2) Applicant Name (if entity): Western Wireless Corporation (co	3) Applicant TIN:			
Related FCC Regulated Businesses of Applica	ant/Licens	see		
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WWC Texas RSA Limited Partnership 3650 131st Ave., S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Wash 98006	commerc	cial mobile radio services (Cellular)		100%
Billings Cellular Corporation 3650 131st Ave., S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Wash! 98006	commerc	cial mobile radid services (Cellular)		100%
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Signature 5) Typed or Printed Name of Party Authorized to Sign				
First Name:	MI:	Last Name:		Suffix:
Title:		_1		
Signature:				Date:
Failure To Sign This Application May Result In Dismissal Of The	Application A	And Forfeiture Of Any Fees Pa	aid	
WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY Section 1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).	ATTACHMENT	TS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FIN	NE AND/OR IMPRISONMEN	

FCC 602 Schedule A

## FCC Ownership Disclosure Information for the

Wireless Telecommunications Services

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Schedule for Disclosable Interest Holders

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isclosable Interest Holder Information (complete as man	y as required	to describe	e all (	disclosable interest holders)		
1) Disclosable Interest Holder's First Name (if indi	vidual):	MI:	La	ast Name:		Suffix:
2) Disclosable Interest Holder's Name (if entity):  John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie				3) Disclosable Interest Holder's TIN:		
4) Disclosable Interest Holder's Address: 3650 13	31" Avenu	ıe, S.E.	., S	uite 400, Bellevue	, Washington 98006	
5) Type of Interest in Applicant ( I ) (refer to Instructions for list)	Disclosable Interest Holder is a(n)‡ ( I )     (refer to instructions for list of codes):				7) Percent of Interest Held in Applicant: 42.35%	
8) Disclosable Interest Holder's Type of Ownership (refer to instructions for list):  CVoting (&Attachment 1)  9) Disclosable Interest Holder's Country of Citizenship: United States					:	
10) Relationship Description (if the discloseable in	terest holder	is an indi	direct	owner, list path of owner	ership from indirect owner to the	e applicant):
See Attachment	1					
elated FCC Regulated Businesses of Disclosable Intere	est Holders (re	epeat for e	each	interest holder identified)		
11a) Name and address of all FCC Regulated Businesses owned by Disclosable Interest Holder listed in #3 (use additional sheets, if necessary);		11b) Principal Business:			11c) TIN:	11d) Percent of Interest Held:
<u>See</u> Attachment 1						

# OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WESTERN WIRELESS CORPORATION

Western Wireless Corporation ("Western") is a Washington corporation primarily engaged in acquiring, constructing, and operating related telecommunications systems throughout the United States. Western holds its telecommunications assets through its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Western is publicly traded on the NASDAQ and has its principal offices located at 3650 131" Avenue, S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98006.

Western, through its subsidiaries and affiliates, owns, controls, or has an interest in the following entities, which are licensees or permittees in the Cellular Radiotelephone Service ("CRY), Point-to-Point Microwave Service, or Paging and Radiotelephone Service ("PARS").

WWC Holding Co., Inc.
Western Paging I Corporation
Western CLEC Corporation
Minnesota Cellular Corporation
Cellular Corporation of Sioux Falls, Inc.
Midland Cellular License Corporation
Odessa Cellular Telephone Company, L.P.
WWC Texas RSA Limited Partnership
GCC License L.L.C.
Billings Cellular Corporation

Western has two classes of voting securities issued and outstanding: Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. Class A has one vote per share and is publicly traded; Class B has ten votes per share and is not publicly traded. The two classes are otherwise identical. No entity holds ten percent (10%) or more of the Class A Common Stock.

The following entities hold a ten percent (10%) or more ownership interest or other interest subject to reporting:

**I. John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie ("Stanton"):** John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie are husband and wife, and as tenants in common hold 42.35 percent (3,087,774 shares) of Western's Class B Common Stock, .002 percent (170,000 shares) of Class A Common Stock, and 4.22 percent of Classes A and B on a combined basis. Their address is 3650 131<sup>st</sup> Avenue, S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98006. Their principal business is to manage and hold interests in wireless telecommunications providers.'

Affiliates of Stanton also hold Western Common Stock: (1) the Stanton Family Trust ("Trust"), is a trust organized under Washington laws whose principal business is investment for a family member and holds 64,437 shares of Class B common stock; (2) Stanton Communications Corporation ("SCC"), a (continued...)

II. Other Interests: Based on the criteria set forth in Section 1.2112(a) of the Commission's Rules, and the Wireless Telecommunication Bureau's May 25, 1999, Public Notice clarifying information to be disclosed on FCC Form 602, there are no officers or directors of Western who have disclosable interests in the company. Out of an abundance of caution, however, Western provides additional information regarding the officers and directors listed below, either because they represent (but do not control) shareholder interests of ten percent or greater on Western's Board of Directors or because they are key management personnel within Western.

John W. Stanton-- Mr. Stanton is Chairman of Western's Board of Directors and its Chief Executive Officer. He is a United States citizen with principal business offices at 3650 13 1st Avenue, S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98006.

**Robert R. Stapleton--** Mr. Stapleton is Western's President and a member of its Board of Directors. He is a United States citizen with principal business offices at 3650 131<sup>st</sup> Avenue, S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98006.

As of October 30, 1999 no other person or entity held a 10 percent or more interest, or other disclosable interest, in Western.<sup>3</sup> Applicant will update the information in the instant filing as necessary, or upon Commission request.

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{1}{(\cdot)}$  ...continued)

Washington corporation whose principal business is holding shares in Western, holds 1,274,5 19 shares of Western's Class B common stock; and (3) PN Cellular, Inc. ("PNCI"), a Washington Corporation whose principal business is holding shares in Western, holds 1,686,069 shares of Western's Class B common stock. The Trust, SCC, and PNCI have the same address as Stanton, and collectively all entities hold 83.84 percent (6,112,799 shares) of Western's Class B common stock and 8.42 percent of Classes A and B on a combined basis.

See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Answers Freauently Asked Ouestions Concerning Reporting of Ownership Information on FCC Form 602, DA 99-1001, rel. May 25, 1999.

The instant FCC Form 602 depicts the ownership of Western as of October 30, 1999. Because Western is publicly-traded, the percentage shareholder interests depicted herein may have changed since that date.